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SENATOR CUDABACK: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB 876A pass? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Record vote read, Legislative Journal page 1754.) 46 ayes, 0 nays, 3 excused and not voting, Mr. President.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN PRESIDING

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: LB 876A passes. LB 1278 (sic).
LB 1211E.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Wehrbein would move to return the bill.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Wehrbein, you're recognized to open for your motion to return.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. Speaker and members, I'm going to withdraw this amendment. I just wanted to make a few comments. I support this bill. I think it's very important to have this bill to have some coordination and some standardization in the wireless and the...all forms of the communication equipment that we're going to have across the state. So I don't want to be misunderstood; I am going to vote for the bill. I was a part of this early on, but I want to acknowledge the work of Senator Bromm in all the things that were done here. We started out, as I recall, one meeting had 50 or 60 people sitting around a table. This is of statewide importance. I believe that everybody across the state, and you've probably gotten some calls today, want this bill. I just want to remind the body, however, there is a \$200 million price tag on this over the next ten years. And it is property tax, and it is sales and income tax, albeit in state General Fund eventually. You can talk all you want about the fact that it doesn't have to be done, but the money is in the bank in many cases, that people want it, that we're going to be spending the money anyway, and so forth, and so forth, and so forth. But the issue is, this is a commitment, directly or indirectly, in my mind, over the next ten years that there will be this kind of money spent. And you might argue that it will be spent anyway, and I would concur with that. And